



## Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of ITS

Date January 31, 2002  
To Honorable Barb Johnson, Chair  
Referral to Ways & Means Committee

**Subject** Authorization to enter into contract with Praeses Corporation to monitor pay telephones in the public right of way.

### Recommendation

To authorize ITS to negotiate a two year contract with Praeses Corporation for collection of pay telephone revenues and related services and increase appropriation to 0100 880 8892 5070 in the amount of negotiated contract not to exceed amount of revenue generated.

### Previous Directives

none

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Presenters in Committee Edie French, 673-2911

### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget  
☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget  
☒ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase  
☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves  
☒ Other financial impact (Explain):  
Increased accuracy in amount of pay telephone revenue  
☒ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

### Background/Supporting Information Attached

Praeses Corporation offers to examine and increase accuracy of inventory and revenue of pay telephones in the public right-of-way with the purpose of increasing revenues generated, and monitoring the appropriate placement of pay telephones to increase public service and decrease public safety problems related to the use of pay telephones. The annual amount of revenue generated is currently less than \$18,000 for approximately 150 pay telephones. Praeses fees include a small maintenance charge per telephone and a percentage of the increase in revenue generated as a result of their monitoring. Praeses will ensure that the City of Minneapolis collects the revenues from which Praeses fees will be paid. The Department solicited bids from other providers of this service. Praeses had the lowest bid with the most comprehensive proposal.

